THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) According to available information, no report on misuse of the concession offered to the disabled persons by Indian Airlines has been reported so far.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Increase in fares on domestic routes

5342. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to allow different airlines to raise the fares on domestic routes;

(b) whether Government have calculated the exact cost increase per mile per passenger due to increased fuel cost;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the past even when the cost of fuel has gone down considerably there was never any decrease in the air tariffs; and

(d) if so, whether the carriers are demanding very high increase in the name of increased fuel cost?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Domestic air fares are not being regulated and the airlines are free to decide air fares in their commercial judgement.

Harassment of passengers at IGI Airport, Delhi

5343. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that closed circuit T.V. camera at the Indira Gandhi International Airport have captured on tape instances of bribes taken by officials and harassment of passengers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The material has been sent to Delhi Police for necessary action. The Delhi Police after examining the same have intimated that though the recording was of poor quality and some persons posted at IGI Airport Delhi were seen interrupting a few passengers unauthorisedly, some of these interceptors resembled security personnel on duty. These personnel alongwith their

supervisory inspectors have been posted out to other units. Instructions have been issued to all supervisory officers to exercise proper control and supervision over the staff and to conduct surprise visits/checks to ensure that no such incident is repeated.

Comprehensive Anti-Hijack Programme

5344. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to seek technical know how from Israel and other countries to develop a comprehensive anti- hijack programme in view of hijacking of Boeing 814 in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of talks held with other countries to know the anti-hijack plan;

(c) whether the anti-hijack plan know how would be tested before entering into a final settlement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Irregularities in recruitment of Air Hostesses in Alliance Airlines

5345. SHRI KUSHOK THIKSEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gross irregularities occurred in recruitment of staff including air hostesses in Alliance Airlines in 1996;

(b) whether it is also a fact that subsequent Vigilance Inquiry proved gross violation of rules, involvement of high official of Alliance Airlines and even married women were inducted into as air hostesses;

(c) whether it is fact that notices issued *vide* C. VO-AA-SL dated 20th January, 2000 and 25th February, 2000 are yet to be implemented; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in action against those who were involved in act of omission and commission?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The matter is being investigated.